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SUBJECT: YUN PIL YONG AFFAIR

1. FINAL SESSION OF YUN PIL- YONG COURT MARTIAL 0900 HRS APRIL 28 WAS OPEN SESSION WITH PRESS PRESENT. PRESIDING JUDGE READ THE CHARGES AGAINST YUN AND NINE OTHERS AND PRONOUNCED SENTENCES. IN HIS STATEMENT, JUDGE ACCUSED ALL TEN OF FORMING AN ORGANIZATION TO ENRICH THEMSELVES, VIOLATING LAW AND SPIRIT OF YUSHIN. YUN WAS CONVICTED OF EIGHT CRIMES, INCLUDING EMBEZZLEMENT AND TAKING BRIBES; HE WAS SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS AT HARD LABOR AND FINED 26 MILLION WON. BRIG. GEN. SON YONG- KIL, HUN'S CHIEF OF STAFF IN CAPITAL SECURITY COMMAND, WAS CONVICTED ON SIX COUNTS, SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS AT HARD LABOR AND FINED 20 MILLION WON. BRIG. GEN. KIM SONG- BAE, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR PERSONNEL, WAS CONVICTED ON THREE COUNTS AND SENTENCED TO SEVEN YEARS HARD LABOR. A MAJOR IN THE CAPITAL SECURITY COMMAND CID WAS SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS AND SIX OTHERS RECEIVED SENTENCES OF FIVE YEARS OR LESS.

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2. THERE WAS NO INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER DEFENDANTS

WOULD EXERCISE RIGHT OF APPEAL.

3. RADIO NEWS ANNOUNCED THAT TRIAL OF ROK/ CIA FORMER
INSPECTOR GENERAL YI CHAE- KIL FOR BRIBERY COMMENCED
IN SEOUL DISTRICT COURT APRIL 28.

4. TEXT OF JUDGE' S STATEMENT IN YUN CASE IS BEING
TRANSLATED AND WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

5. WE WILL HAVE COMMENTS AFTER FURTHER OBSERVATIONS,
INCLUDING PUBLIC REACTION TO THIS FIRST PUBLIC
ANNOUNCEMENT OF YUN AFFAIR.
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